

# Outreach Notice



**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R4  
ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST  
DUCHESNE/ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT  
GS-0401 09/11  
District Recreation Program Manager**

The Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a permanent District Recreation Program Manager position. Please respond by **February 21, 2015**.

**Position Description: District Recreation Program Manager**

The Ashley National Forest is outreaching for a permanent Recreation Program Manager - Natural Resource Specialist GS-0401-09/11 to be located in Duchesne, UT at the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District Office. This full time position is expected to be filled by April 15, 2015. The position will be filled at either the GS9 or GS11 level. The position is currently vacant and is a critical forest position that manages the Ashley National Forest's portion (276,000 acres) of the High Uintas Wilderness (HUW) area and the west zone recreation program.

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity, please complete the outreach response form located below and sent it to Kristy Groves, District Ranger, at [kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us) by the close of business February 21, 2015. Government housing is not available.

**For more information about this outreach notice or position, please contact:**

**Kristy Groves – District Ranger**

**Phone number (435) 781-5203**

**E-mail address: [kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us)**

**Position Duties**

This challenging position will serve as the program manager responsible for planning and implementing the recreation and lands programs on the district. The district has an active recreation program that includes eighteen campgrounds, six trailheads, a soon to be constructed boat ramp, two permitted resorts, six recreation residences, and 276,000 acres of wilderness. The district is also in the process of adding three cabin rentals to the recreation program. The district manages hundreds of miles of trails including wilderness and OHV

trails. This position will be responsible for the oversight of the developed recreation program on the district and the Wilderness Program, a wilderness program manager, Wilderness Rangers (4), Trail Crew (4), Horse and mule Packer(1), (8 animals), as well as volunteers which assist wilderness rangers, assist with trail maintenance and act as campground hosts. The position also administers commercial outfitter and guide permits in and outside the wilderness. Other duties include:

- Serves as the main point of contact for recreation and special use activities for the unit and provides professional advice and support in the planning, implementation and evaluation for the District's recreation and special use programs
- Develops the District's program of work and manages the discretionary funds for recreation program areas
- Serves as a member of the district staff and will act as district ranger on occasion.
- Develops and maintains external cooperative relationships with government agencies, volunteer groups, permittees and the public at large
- Coordinates planning and implementation of Interpretive Services and Conservation Education programs for the District.
- Takes the lead on developing grant applications for recreation related funding opportunities
- Serves on interdisciplinary teams as the subject matter expert regarding recreation, scenery and aesthetics
- Directly supervises three permanent positions and manages an overall staff of up to 12 seasonals.

Collateral duties may include oil and gas land use mitigation practices and wildfire assignment details. A successful candidate must have excellent organizational, partnership, communication and collaborative skills.

The position may require working with and around stock animals. The majority of the work will be in an office environment.

Qualification Requirements: Those who are interested must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-0401. The OPM Qualification Standards Handbook is available for review at any federal personnel office OR on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm>.

One year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower level in the federal service is required. Specialized experience is experience, which is directly related to the position to be filled, and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

## **Ashley National Forest:**

Ashley National Forest - With headquarters in Vernal, Utah, it comprises 1.3 million acres located in the northeastern portion of Utah and southwestern portion of Wyoming. National Forest System lands are located in three major areas: the northern and southern slopes of the Uinta Mountains, the Wyoming Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau.

The Ashley National Forest is bordered by the Uintah and Ouray Ute Indian Reservation, the Uinta and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, private property, and lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and State of Utah. Dinosaur National Monument is located approximately 10 miles east of the Forest.

The Ashley National Forest was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Its forest and range lands are protected and managed to ensure timber, grazing, minerals, water, and outdoor recreation for the American people. The vast Uinta Mountains watershed within the Forest boundary provides vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and city use in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. Sheep, cattle, and horses graze under permit on over a half million acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed with other resources to ensure supply, a quality environment and safety to the visiting public. Oil and gas drilling and extraction is currently being developed south of Duchesne. This activity is a forest priority and is therefore requiring emphasis by specialists and managers in both time and expertise to manage broad landscapes in a manner which protects and mitigates for development impacts. Over 2.5 million visitors come to the Forest each year to participate in outstanding outdoor recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, ATV use and snowmobiling.

Forest landscapes range from high desert country to high mountain areas. The elevation varies from a low of 6,000 feet to a high of 13,528 feet above sea level at the summit of Kings Peak. Topographical diversity and land management has served to protect the visual quality on the Forest. The existing vegetation patterns and the geological formations further add to the aesthetic value. The Forest boundaries include places such as the Sheep Creek Geological Area, the High Uinta Wilderness area, the Green River, and the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. [Ashley National Forest - Home](#)



## **Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District:**

The Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District has 27 permanent employees and up to 32 seasonal employees and covers approximately 690,000 acres of National Forest land. The Ranger District is a district of two distinct vegetative types:

The North Unit Located 30 miles north of Duchesne are the deep canyons of lodgepole pine, douglas fir and ponderosa pine containing the majority of the districts 22 developed recreation sites and over 100 dispersed sites in 5 north to south trending canyons. Higher in elevation, the forest transitions into spruce, subalpine fir and aspen. Most of the upper elevation (9-12,000 feet) including well over 300 alpine lakes and meadows are within the 456,000 acre High Uintas Wilderness. The Ashley portion of the HUW maintains 350 miles of hiking trails, 6 trailheads, as well as enforcement responsibilities.

The South Unit Located 20 miles south of Duchesne is the rolling upper desert country of the 150,000 acre south unit consisting of juniper and pinion which transitions to Douglas fir and aspen. The forest peaks along an east/west trending ridge with 70 mile distant stunning vistas. This unit has a majority of the forests oil and gas drilling and production activity and accounts for an upward trending work load for staff. This unit's recreation includes dispersed activities consisting of camping, fishing and hunting of big game including deer and quality limited entry elk. A 70 mile long ATV loop is also in the planning stages in addition to canyon horse riding trails and limited hiking trail.



## **About [Duchesne, Utah](#)**

Duchesne (pop. approximately 1733) is a fast growing community with a high quality of life located within the Uintah Basin. Duchesne is located about two

hours East of Salt Lake City (120 miles), a half hour west of Roosevelt, UT (30 miles) (pop. 6,000) and an hour west of Vernal, UT (pop. 10,000). The Vernal airport is a commuter link to Denver and Moab (Great Lakes Airlines). The main street in Duchesne is U.S. Highway 40, which is one of the main routes between Denver, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Main Street was renovated to include, brick sidewalks, unique gas lamp style lighting, park benches and shrubbery. Starvation State Park/Reservoir is located just west of the city limits and incorporates the 2740 acre Starvation Reservoir and is known for its summer and ice fishing opportunities for: walleye, rainbow and brown trout as well as small mouth bass and perch. At the park are sandy day use areas, concrete boat ramps, ice fishing, newly renovated campgrounds with electricity and pavilions as well as year round primitive cabins.

### **Schools**

Elementary School – Kindergarten through 6th Grade.

High School – Grades 7 through 12.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (Vernal and Roosevelt) offers 13 complete bachelors degree programs and 7 complete masters degree programs. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical, entry-level work.

### **Health Care**

Duchesne has two small local clinics and a local dentist. In Roosevelt, 29 miles to the east, there is a fully staffed hospital and clinic specialists. There are also many dentists in Roosevelt. Duchesne has local EMTs, a Fire Department, and 911 services. Vernal offers a Life-Flight helicopter.

### **Housing**

There is no Government housing available in Duchesne. Three remote forest guard stations are available on a temporary basis. A 10 room bunkhouse being constructed in Duchesne in 2014 (completion fall of 2014) for seasonal employees. There are a few homes for sale and rent. For current realty information, contact local real estate agencies.

### **Recreation**

Duchesne has its share of parks that include tennis courts, baseball fields and picnic areas. There is a swimming pool and a bowling center. Duchesne offers a full range of spring, summer, fall and winter activities. There is an old-fashioned County Fair and Rodeo each summer. There is boating, fishing and an annual Walleye Fishing Tournament at Starvation Reservoir 10 minutes northwest of town. Hunting includes deer, elk, moose, antelope, bear, pheasant and doves.

### **Churches**

Churches that provide services in Duchesne include Catholic, Baptist, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

**Business/Shopping**

Restaurants; Fast Food/Convenience Stores; Grocery Store; Automotive Repair; Service Stations; Hardware Store; Motels

**Economic Base**

Agriculture - Ranching and Farming, Oil Industry, and Tourism

**Climate**

Spring, summer, and fall are mild and beautiful, with temperatures reaching 90-95 degrees in July and August. Winter temperatures may go to 20 below zero in December and January.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please complete the attached "Outreach Form" and submit to:

Kristy Groves  
PO BOX 981  
Duchesne, UT 84021  
[kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us)  
435-781-5203

**Interested parties will be notified of the vacancy announcement number to apply.**

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District Recreation Manager GS-0401-09/11  
REGION 4  
Ashley National Forest  
Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District  
Duchesne, UT

### YOUR INFORMATION:

Name:

Date:

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Mailing Address:

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**E-Mail Address:**

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Phone: Work:

Home:

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Are you currently a Federal employee? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.  
Permanent \_\_\_\_ Temporary \_\_\_\_ TERM \_\_\_\_ VRA \_\_\_\_.  
PWD \_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_.

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Current Title/Series/Grade:

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Agency Employed with and location:

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Additional Comments:

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**Please email Outreach Response** to Kristy Groves, Duchesne/Roosevelt District Ranger at [kgroves@fs.fed.us](mailto:kgroves@fs.fed.us) by COB February 21, 2015.

**Thank you for your interest!**